

MINUTES
SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 8-9, 2006
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

PATTY GILBERTSON
CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: (*ATTENDED ON DATE NOTED)

Debra Gardner, *Alcohol Safety Action Program*
Inge Tracy, *Department of Corrections*
Rudi Schuster, *Department of Criminal Justice Services*
James Ashton, *Department of Education*
Janice Hicks, *Department of Health*
Scott Reiner, *Department of Juvenile Justice*
Ken Batten, *Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services*
Zandra Relaford, *Department of Social Services*
Hope Merrick, *Governor's Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (GOSAP)*
Ryant L. Washington, *Virginia Sheriffs' Association*
Joseph Battle, *Consumer/Advocate*
Jennie Springs Amison, *Substance Abuse Certification Alliance of VA*
Jennifer Johnson, *Virginia Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors*
William Williams, *Virginia Association of Community Services Board, SA Council*
Michael Fragala, *Virginia Association of Drug Abuse Professionals *(November 9)*
Chuck Walsh, *Virginia Association of Community Services Boards *(November 9)*
Freddie Simons, *Virginia Association of Community Services Board, Prevention Council*
James C. May, PhD, *Virginia Association of Community Services Board, SA Council*
Patty Gilbertson, *Virginia Drug Court Association*
Terri-Ann Brown, *Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation*

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT –

Del. Clifford L. Athey, *Virginia House of Delegates*
Del. C. Todd Gilbert, *Virginia House of Delegates*
Del. Daivd E. Poisson, *Virginia House of Delegates*
Del. Beverly J. Sherwood, *Virginia House of Delegates*
Sen. Mark R. Herring, *Virginia Senate*
Sen. W. Roscoe Reynolds, *Virginia Senate*
Esther H. Vassar, *Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control*
Catherine Hancock, *Department of Medical Assistance Services*
D. B. Smit, *Department of Motor Vehicles*
John A. Gibney, Jr., *Consumer/Advocate*

STAFF:

Lynette Bowser, *DMHMRSAS*
Julie Truitt, *DMHMRSAS*
Malcolm King, *DMHMRSAS*

GUEST:

Mark Blackwell, *Substance Abuse Addiction Recovery Alliance (SAARA)*
Angela Coleman, *Alcohol Safety Action Program*

NOVEMBER 8, 2006

The Chair, Patty Gilbertson, was delayed. Therefore, the business agenda was tabled until the Chair's arrival and Julie Truitt, support staff to the Council, commenced the retreat orientation.

Ms. Truitt introduced Ms. Judy Burtner of J. Burtner & Associates, the facilitator for the Council's retreat.

REVIEW OF OBJECTIVES:

Ms. Burtner stated the objectives for the session and the plan for the retreat. The participation guidelines for the session were also reviewed.

Members participated in an ice-breaker exercise that partnered members together.
(See attached Retreat Summary)

REVIEW OF ENABLING LEGISLATION:

Ms. Truitt provided members with a copy of the Council's enabling Code sections, §2.2-2696 & §2.2-2697. She reviewed the membership, purpose and duties of the Council.

The Chair arrived and for the sake of time, it was decided to delay the business part of the meeting until the next day. After dinner, the Council recessed for the evening.

NOVEMBER 9, 2006

I. WELCOME

The meeting commenced with the Chair welcoming and thanking everyone for attending the meeting.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2006 MEETING

A motion was made by Freddie Simons and seconded by William Williams to approve the minutes of August 13 meeting. With there being no objections the motion was carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Burtner reintroduced herself to members and asked for a reintroduction of those in attendance. She also went over the agenda for the day's session and discussed the objectives for the session. She also reviewed the participation guidelines and plan development for the session. (See attached Summary of Retreat)

V. OVERVIEW

- Julie Truitt summarized "Blueprint for the States", published by JoinTogether (2006). She provided those present with a copy. The document recommends policies to improve the how states organize and deliver alcohol and drug prevention and treatment. The "Blueprint" can be downloaded at: http://www.jointogether.org/aboutus/policy-panels/blueprint/Blueprint_PDF.pdf
- Mr. Batten presented a summary of the Office of Inspector General's Review of CSB Substance Abuse Outpatient Services for Adults report. Members present were provided with a copy of the Executive Summary of the report. Mr. Batten reviewed the findings and recommendations of the report. The full report is available at <http://www.oig.virginia.gov/documents/SS-SAOP129-06.pdf>.
- Ms. Gilbertson reported on the activities of the Commission on Mental Health Law Reform and distributed a fact sheet on the Commission. A motion was made by Will Williams to write a letter to Mr. Tom Diggs, Commission Staff Director, requesting that a member from the Council be formally assigned to the Commission to represent concerns related to substance use disorders within the activities of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Rudi Shuster and was approved.

The Chair then turned the meeting over to Judy Burtner.

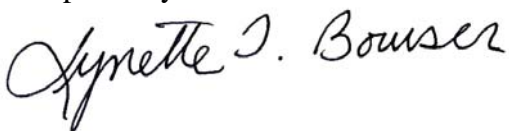
VI. WORK GROUP BREAKOUT

Ms. Burtner conducted an exercise to help members identify focus of the work that needs to be accomplished for next year. Members were separated into smaller groups and asked to identify three top issues they felt the Council needed to work on for next year. A summary of each group's work is attached.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business a motion was made and seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.



Draft- SASC Minutes for November 8-9, 2006

Lynette T. Bowser

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Attachment